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PATROLLING MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S PARKS SYSTEM

Summer brings increased enforcement of county fireworks and pet ordinances

Milwaukee, WI – In conjunction with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, neighborhood and park associations, the Parks Department and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, our county parks will have a stronger law enforcement presence this summer. The warm weather brings one of our county's greatest assets, our park system, to life and efforts are underway to ensure that park-users are both safe, and follow county ordinances. One ordinance in particular that will be enforced with a heavy fine is: no fireworks are to be set off within the city limits, including at our county parks. "Last year in particular we saw numerous instances of illegal fireworks at Wilson and Humboldt Parks", said 14th District Supervisor, Richard D. Nyklewicz, Jr. "After speaking to my colleagues at the County Board, I realized the south-side and Bay View were not alone. A special task force was created to deal with the problem, and as a result, the Sheriff's Department has assured me that they will be ticketing." Fireworks, including sparklers and bottle rockets, are in fact illegal within the City of Milwaukee limits.

Dogs are also prohibited on county parks, even if they are on leashes. Violating the ordinance could result in a fine of \$155. Supervisor Nyklewicz is asking residents to find a local park that has an adopted 'on-leash' policy and utilize those parks should they want to take their pet for a walk. "I understand and appreciate that many people like to take their dog with them while they exercise and use our county parks, however, we have to respect that, especially people with young children, 'man's best friend' is intimidating and messy." Nyklewicz added. Parks in the vicinity of the 14th District that DO allow for leashed dogs include: **Bay View**, 3120 S. Lake Drive; **Cudahy**, 3000 E. Ramsey Ave; **Maitland**, 6001 S. 13 St; and the **Runway Dog Exercise Area**, 1214 E. Rawson Ave. A full list of dog-friendly parks can be found at the park's department website <http://www.countyparks.com>.

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